

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Winners for 2008-09

The Office of Public Instruction is proud to announce that there have been 21 exemplary winners selected from a field of over 100 Montana high school applicants as Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship winners for the school year 2008-09! There were 79 high schools represented this year. Based upon the availability of federal funds Montana receives from the U.S. Department of Education, the individual award for 2008-09 is \$1,500.

When each scholarship winner has completed their freshman year of college and have met the college's eligibility requirements, the Byrd Scholar may renew the scholarship for up to three more years, undergraduate study only.

The 2008-09 winners are:

Steven Barton, Havre High School
Suzanne Bartram, Great Falls High School
Alexander Brown, CM Russell High School
Kirstin Bull, Corvallis High School
Marija Carte, Helena High School
Krista Dale, Three Forks High School
David Drga, Big Sandy High School
Brittney Eubank, Billings Central Catholic High School
Keeley Floreen, Butte High School
Kara Fox, Denton High School
Cyrus Gilbert, Hellgate High School
Renee Griffith, Butte High School
Braydn Harsha, Columbus High School
Leigha Hopkins, Billings West High School
Kara Kleppen, Plentywood High School
Kyle Moen, Skyview High School
Ben Piersall, Flathead High School
Brooke Reid, Custer Co District High School
Katie Sonnenberg, Manhattan Christian High School
Kila Walser, Hellgate High School
Thomas Wright, Columbia Falls High School

We join their families, friends and teachers in congratulating all 21 of these outstanding high school students on this achievement!

Please visit the Office of Public Instruction Web page <http://www.opi.mt.gov/Scholarships.html> for information about the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. Contact Carol Gneckow, (406) 444-2417 or e-mail, cgneckow@mt.gov for questions.